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Taxi deal to end deadheading

► Memorandum of understanding drafted between city and airport authority ► Final details being worked out, but new contract expected next spring ► City also issuing licences for 100 new cabs next year; half for accessible taxis



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Come next spring, Edmonton cabs will likely be able to carry fares not only to the Edmonton

International Airport, but back, as well.

Council discussed yesterday a drafted agreement with the airport authority that would see a city broker gain the airport cabstand after it was awarded to

then Leduc-based Airport Taxi Service in 2006.

"Edmonton cabs should serve the Edmonton International Airport," said Coun. Don Iveson.

He added that there's been great leadership from the airport

authority on "working with the city to solve this long-standing ridiculous issue of deadheading."

EIA communications officer Sarah Meffen said details are being worked out before the agreement can be signed, but she

said she expects multiple providers to gain the contract next spring.

Airport Taxi Service could still be chosen, as they recently obtained a city taxi licence and can now pick up fares in the city.



Eskimos. Welcome

**Jyles top QB
heading
into training
camp, says
coach**

Steven Jyles was acquired from the Toronto Argonauts along with kicker Grant Shaw and a draft pick in exchange for quarterback Ricky Ray. Head coach Kavis Reed said Jyles will be the No. 1 quarterback heading into training camp next year. Jyles, who started his career in Edmonton in 2006, said he is happy to be back. For full story, see page 41.

► New Edmonton Eskimo Steven Jyles is introduced by the team yesterday.

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Stealing spree

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► Police warn residents of Montrose after high number of thefts {page 4}

**Aviation
museum star**

F-104 Starfighter featured in anniversary exhibit {page 6}



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Policy may pave way for failing students

► Public school board motions to ink a policy on retention, acceleration and placement

In an attempt to eliminate grey areas on passing and failing students, Edmonton public schools trustees voted to ink their own official retention and placement policy.

A report supporting the motion raised Tuesday by trustee Ken Shipka at trustees' public meeting states the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) has a recommended practice of placing students in the next grade.

Shipka noted one reason for the policy is to accommodate students "with unusual circumstances," in which they would benefit from being retained in the same grade.

During her leadership campaign, Premier Alison Redford publicly stated her opposition to Alberta school boards' unofficial no-fail policies — and her vow to "legislate to end this practice, giving every student a chance to succeed or fail on their own merits."

Neither Redford nor Alberta's Minister of Education Thomas Lukaszuk have said if the new Education

Other boards

► Across the province. Most Alberta school boards with official policy statements on whether to pass or fail students allow principals the ultimate say on retention, promotion or placement, but also consider student age and social adjustment.

Act will include official policy on failing students who do not make the grade.

Before unanimously supporting Shipka's motion, trustees voted down a recommendation by vice-chair Sarah Hoffman suggesting the board wait until after the Education Act is inked in the spring to create its own policy.

"We might be looking at a provincewide discussion of this and I think it would be appropriate for our board to have a policy statement to take to the table rather than just regulatory stance," said trustee Heather MacKenzie, just prior to the vote.

● SHELLEY WILLIAMSON



► The Edmonton Public School Board could pen a policy that puts in place a framework to fail students who aren't meeting the grade.

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Former teacher guilty of exploitation

Former teacher and minor hockey coach Robert John Paolinelli, 42, pleaded guilty to sexual exploitation in Stony Plain provincial court yesterday.

It is not known if the incident involves a student or hockey player.

Paolinelli will be in court Dec. 21 to face other charges including sexual assault and forcible confinement.

He was suspended with pay from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in Spruce Grove in October, but has since resigned.

RCMP in Prince Rupert, B.C. are also investigating him following accusations of sexual assault while he coached hockey there in the '80s and '90s.

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More seats in the HoC means more for Alta.

The House of Commons has passed a bill that would expand the chamber by 30 seats and give fairer representation to the country's fastest growing provinces.

The bill passed by a vote of 154-131, with the Conservatives using their majority to overwhelm the opposition parties, all of which voted against the legislation.

Ontario would get 15 more seats, while British Columbia and Alberta get

338 The bill would put 30 additional seats up for grabs in the next election, expanding the Commons to 338 seats.

six each — all three fast-growing provinces that have been badly under-represented for years.

Quebec, which has enjoyed a slight over-representation, would also get three more seats.

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Suspicious package at Canada Post plant

RCMP evacuated a Red Deer Canada Post sorting plant for about two hours yesterday morning after re-

ceiving a call from the facility about a suspicious package inside.

Police dogs turned up nothing in the search, said Const. Julie Letal.

Roads in the area were also blocked off as a precaution.

There are no suspects, but Letal said police are still investigating the incident.

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Lock it or lose it, police say after rash of thefts

► One arrest so far, other leads being investigated in series of Montrose crimes ► Half of thefts due to unlocked vehicles and visible valuables



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After an alarming number of break-ins and thefts, police are reminding Montrose residents to lock their homes and cars.

"In particular we've noticed that this neighbourhood we've had a spike that probably started late in October and trickled through into November," said Const. Dana Gehring of the EPS Northeast Division.

Yesterday volunteers wound up a six-week campaign alongside cops, speaking with homeowners about the rash of crime and checking cars for valuables and unlocked doors.

"We really wanted to finish it off with Christmas coming and let them know that don't let yourself be a victim. Take some easy steps and let's work together," said Gehring.

Most shocking, he said, was how easy it was for criminals to find victims.

"I went to one of our crime analysts ... and she checked all of north division for me and what she found was out of the property related crimes for all of north division, 50 per cent of those were



► Volunteer Lauren Cazemier checks a truck for valuables after finding it unlocked, as part of a campaign to let residents know crime is up in Montrose, especially thefts from vehicles.

preventable because people had left their property and left their vehicle unlocked," he explained.

Montrose resident Aric Horiachka was among those who made that mistake, only to find his car "ripped apart," he said.

Though not much was taken, he admits he's become more careful about locking his vehicle.

The problem

- Montrose has had 23 calls for service, including eight thefts of licence plates, eight break and enters, four thefts from vehicles and three vehicles thefts, in just six weeks.
- About 30 volunteers have participated in three door-to-door campaigns, speak-

ing to homeowners about locking vehicles, homes and garages and not leaving valuables visible.

- Const. Dana Gehring said most criminals targeting the area seem to be looking for crimes of opportunity, such as open doors, but others will break locks to access vehicles for theft.

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Starfighter soon to be star attraction

► Aviation museum unveils its new exhibit to mark the historic 417 Squadron's 70th anniversary



For Rod Mcleod, curator of the Alberta Aviation Museum, 417 Squadron is the squadron that wouldn't die.

So it's only fitting that the museum is commemorating the long history of the search-and-rescue unit with a permanent exhibit. It is also refinishing its newly acquired F-104 Starfighter to represent the squadron.

"The 417 always has done a unique job, and now they're the over-watchers of the fighter world," Mcleod said at the unveiling of the new exhibit. "It's a big deal to have their colours on the airplane, and totally appropriate," he said.

Jet set

► A \$40,000 donation from the Hamilton family and Air Spray Aviation helped pay the \$70,000 tab to buy and refurbish a Lockheed F-104 Starfighter.

► The F-104 Starfighter — dubbed "Widowmaker" — is 17 metres long and six metres wide, with thin, sharp-edged wings. It can fly 700 metres per second.

► The jet will be on display by late summer, with cockpit access.

► The Alberta Aviation Museum receives 50,000 paid admissions a year, plus 10,000 student visits.



► Donor Lynn Hamilton and Master Warrant Officer Rob Dumele of 417 Squadron look at a model of an F-104 Starfighter in front of a new display at the Alberta Aviation Museum. The museum is acquiring a Starfighter this summer.

Mar leaves politics behind, moves on to Asia post

Two months after seeing his dream of becoming Alberta premier implode, Gary Mar says he has moved on.

Mar, 49, says he is focused on heading to Hong Kong by the start of the new year to begin work as Alberta's trade envoy in the region.

"I'm not interested in talking about the leadership race," Mar said yesterday in his first public comments since his Oct. 2 loss to Alison Redford on the second ballot of the Progressive Conservative party vote.

It was a bitter defeat for Mar. He was a former health minister and was serving as Alberta's envoy in Washington last spring when he quit to run in the race to succeed former premier Ed Stelmach.



► Gary Mar will soon begin his new job as the Alberta trade envoy in Asia.

He will oversee all six trade offices in Asia — three of them in China — and will co-ordinate how to boost Alberta exports to and investment opportunities in a highly competitive region.

"We as Albertans are not the first to recognize the importance of this marketplace. Other jurisdictions, other countries, other states, are also in-

terested in working in this area, which emphasizes the need to have a strong and co-ordinated approach to Asia-Pacific."

The value of Alberta exports to the region was \$6.5 billion last year.

Former Calgary mayor Dave Bronconnier is taking over from Mar as Alberta's envoy in Washington.

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EPS wants to find the owners of a large stash of suspected stolen property — but those owners will need to produce serial numbers if they want their goods back.

Police corralled 166 items at a home in late November, a large but not a record haul that included seven air compressors, 18 drills, more than 25 saws and six bicycles.

"We've been able to return some property to its

166
Edmonton Police Service seized 166 items recently, mostly power tools and contractor equipment from a garage and residence in northeast Edmonton.

rightful owners through serial numbers and police reports," said Sgt. Jason Altmiks, EPS Northeast Division.

"It's a reminder to

tradespeople and homeowners to record serial numbers and mark or engrave their tools, and to file a police report if they are stolen."

Inquiries can be made at stolentools@edmonton-police.ca

The goods, valued at about \$15,000 were mostly unmarked, added Const. Mark Goglerla, and sometimes left in unlocked trailers and garages.

No charges have been laid on the five suspects involved in the search warrant on the home.

Yes, the spirit of giving is alive here — hopefully

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Ten days from Christmas, local charities are putting out the call for last minute generosity.

And while targets may be met — or nearly met — one expert warns things might not get better.

"I think people are going to step up," said Hardeep Gill, associate chair of finance at NAIT's JR Shaw School of Business. "But the same issue will occur next year."

Despite the pleas, Edmonton is the country's third most charitable city this year, according to CanadaHelps.org.



► Many local charities, including the Salvation Army, are worried about achieving their goals.

That's because Albertans are less affected by the economy, said Gill, but are still being careful.

"It's not a selfish attitude, I would phrase it as a bunker mentality."

Donation details

- 1 CanadaHelps.org, which funnels donations to various charities, says Toronto is the country's most charitable city in 2011, followed by Calgary and Edmonton.
- 2 Statistics Canada says Alberta was the second most generous province, while donations went up 6 per cent countrywide last year from 2009.
- 3 CanadaHelps.org said the Atlantic provinces are seeing a drop in the amount of money donated this year.

Edmonton Confucius honoured

Edmonton Public Schools' Confucius Institute was named institute of the year Tuesday in China. It was chosen out of 380 institutes, and is the only K-12 district in the world to have one.

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Province, city eye e-voting

After council discussion yesterday on electronic voting options in 2013, city staff revealed they will meet with the province today on the topic. A report will come back to council next fall.

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Animal centre wins care award

Edmonton's Animal Care and Control Centre received the International Summit for Urban Animal Strategies award for animal sheltering in October for aspects of animal housing and care.

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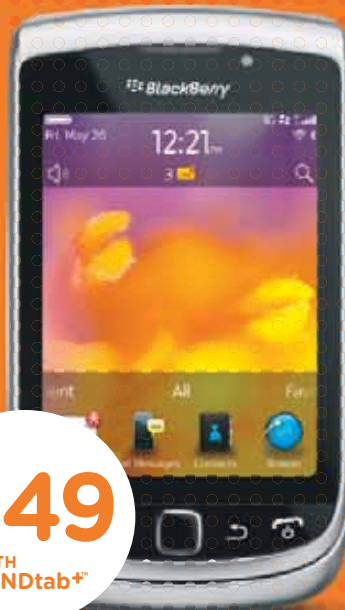
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ROYAL TRIP

Charles, Camilla to visit Canada

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall will visit Canada next May as part of a year-long celebration leading up to the 60th anniversary



of the Queen's coronation, the federal government announced yesterday.

Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, will tour New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan during the trip.

Earlier in London, Buckingham Palace announced that the couple will also visit Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shopping, e-games: Your taxes at work

The Aboriginal Affairs Department called in an auditor after one of its managers went on a wild, taxpayer-funded shopping spree, new documents show. A bureaucrat in the Northwest Territories charged tens of thousands of dollars to government credit cards.

When the misbehaving manager got caught two and a half years into her splurge, she was nearly \$40,000 in the hole.

"Her actions were not impulsive and/or compulsive. They have been found to be premeditated," says a briefing note to top officials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

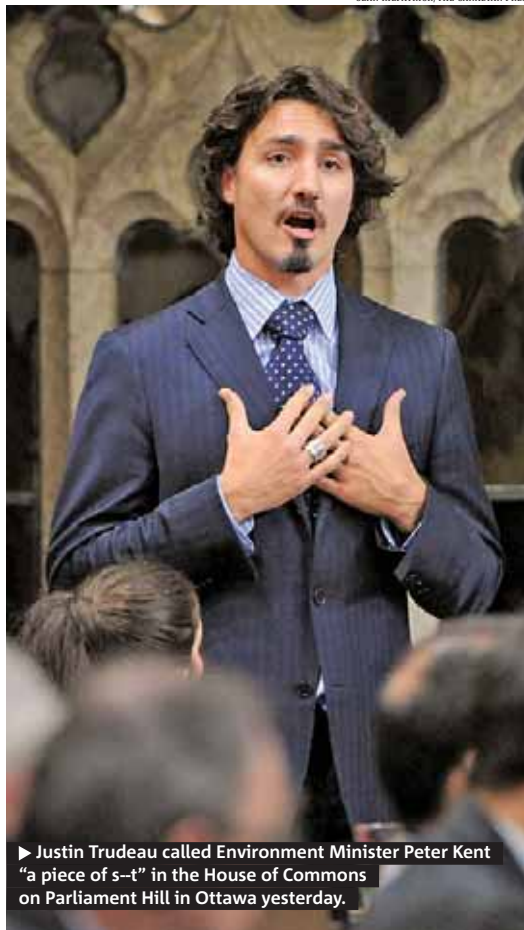
What she bought

Purchases included:

- ▶ \$4,000 on an online game called Second Life.
- ▶ A trip to Las Vegas in February 2010, where the woman and her husband spent five nights at the Circus Circus hotel and casino at a cost of \$2,000.
- ▶ Purchases at Walmart, Northern Fancy Meats and Staples.
- ▶ Almost \$100 for pizza.
- ▶ Cellphone and cable bills.
- ▶ On the long list of expenses, only a \$27 book on how to use PowerPoint was for work.

Trudeau apologizes after swearing at Kent

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▶ Justin Trudeau called Environment Minister Peter Kent "a piece of s-t" in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Unparliamentary language causes an uproar in Commons

His father claimed to have only mouthed "fuddle dud-dle" during a heated Commons exchange, but a colourful outburst by Justin Trudeau during question period is leaving no room for confusion.

The Liberal MP was heard quite clearly to have called Environment Minister Peter Kent a "piece of s-t," causing a momentary uproar in the House yesterday.

Kent had just finished telling his NDP critic Megan Leslie that she was ill-informed about a recent climate-change conference because she hadn't attended. But the government had prevented opposition MPs from being part of the official Canadian delegation.

Following question period, Trudeau rose immediately to apologize.

"I lost my temper and used language that was most decidedly unparliamentary and for that I unreservedly apologize and withdraw my remarks," he said. Kent said he wasn't troubled by the language,

Expletive

- ▶ It has been a foul-mouthed season on Parliament Hill.
- ▶ New Democrat MP Pat Martin recently used an expletive on Twitter when the government limited debate on its budget bill, and interim Liberal leader Bob Rae referred to "bulls-t" in response to a negative tweet by another Liberal.

but asked that Trudeau apologize to the House of Commons. New Democrat Ryan Creary also got into trouble over language after he called a cabinet minister a "bully."

Speaker Andrew Scheer suggested he withdraw the comment, but he refused.

"The minister of fisheries and oceans asked a question, he asked this House whether he looked like a bully," Creary said.

"I merely answered his question. I would answer his question the same way if he asked it again."

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News in brief

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► A surviving grebe

Birds crash into parking lot

ODDITY. Thousands of birds died on impact after apparently mistaking a Walmart parking lot and areas of southern Utah for bodies of water and plummeting to the ground in what one wildlife expert called the worst downing she's ever seen.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Google works to end slavery

RECORD GRANT. Tech giant Google announced

yesterday it is donating \$11.5 million to several coalitions fighting to end the modern-day slavery of some 27 million people around the world.

It is believed to be the largest-ever corporate grant devoted to the advocacy, intervention and rescue of people being held, forced to work or provide sex against their will. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Freak accident kills woman

DEATH BY DRAGGING. A woman was killed in a freak elevator mishap yesterday around 10 a.m. in a 26-storey office tower near Grand Central Terminal. The woman was stepping onto the elevator on the first floor when either her foot or leg became caught in the closing doors. The car then rose abruptly, dragging her body into the shaft and killing her, officials said.

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Police shave, arrest punks to teach lesson

► Muslim hardliners cut off mohawks of rock fans to enforce moral values ► Police crack down on 'disgusting' lifestyle

Police in Indonesia's most conservative province raided a punk-rock concert and detained dozens of fans, buzzing off their spiky mohawks and stripping away body piercings because of the perceived threat to Islamic values.

Dog-collar necklaces and chains were taken from the youths before they were thrown in pools of water for "spiritual" cleansing, local police Chief Iskandar Hasan said yesterday.

After replacing their "disgusting" clothes, he handed each a toothbrush and barked "use it."

The crackdown marked the latest effort by authorities to promote strict moral



► Men sit inside a pool in a police school compound after their heads were shaved in Indonesia.

values in Aceh, the only province in this secular but predominantly Muslim na-

tion of 240 million to have imposed Islamic laws.

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Police story

- **Baton-wielding police** scattered fans, many of whom had travelled from other parts of the sprawling archipelagic nation to attend the show.
- **Police said 59 young men** and five women were loaded into vans and brought to a police detention centre.
- **They would spend 10 days** getting rehabilitation, training in military-style discipline and religious classes, including Qur'an recitation, police officials said. Afterward, they'll be sent home.
- **While the men's heads were shaved**, the women, some in tears, were given short, blunt bobs.

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Belgians grieve after bloodbath

► Government pledges to toughen gun law, put stricter controls on multiple offenders on conditional release

A card at a memorial to the victims asked the question haunting all of Belgium: "Why?"

Why did Nordine Amrani, a 33-year-old with a history of lawbreaking, sweep into this city's holiday shopping centre to unleash a grenade-and-gun rampage that killed three people and wounded 123 others? Why did he then kill himself?

Deepening the mystery, police announced yesterday that another body had been found, that of a 45-year-old woman, in a shed where Amrani grew cannabis close to his home. Liege prosecutor

"We are all Liegeois, united in suffering. ... This was an act of a sick man."

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Daniele Reynders said, after searches of Amrani's house, terrorism could be excluded.

"It was a cleaning lady. This is how she met him yesterday morning," she said. "She dies, shot with a bullet in the head."

The Ferris Wheel at Liege's Christmas market started turning again yesterday, hoping to restore some festive cheer, but the mood remained black as the coal that once drove this rust-belt city in eastern Belgium.

"The crowds won't show up," said Francoise Robert, a vendor selling miniature castles and Christmas items. "People are scared."

The victims included a one-year-old toddler and two teenage boys, both students.

Five others are reported in critical condition.

Beyond the dead and injured, Reynders said 40 other people had to be treated for psychological trauma. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► People leave tributes at the site of Tuesday's gun and grenade attack in central Liege, Belgium, yesterday.

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One in four women abused in U.S.

One in four U.S. women say they have been hit hard, kicked or otherwise violently attacked by their intimate partners, according to a government survey released yesterday that offers startling findings about domestic violence.

The new national look at how many women say they've been abused offers some numbers that are higher than previous reports.

One expert called the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's report's estimate on rape and attempted rape "extremely high" — with one in five women saying they were victims. About half of those cases involved intimate partners. But advocates say rape has been vastly underreported in the past and the new numbers are plausible.

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Violence

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report is based on a randomized telephone survey of 9,000 women.

▶ As many as 29 million women say they have suffered severe and frightening physical violence from a boyfriend, spouse or other intimate partner. That

includes being choked, beaten, stabbed, shot, punched, slammed against something or hurt by hair-pulling.

▶ That number grows to 36 million if slapping, pushing and shoving are also counted.

▶ Almost half of the women who reported rape or attempted rape said it happened when they were 17 or younger.

Romanian witches detained for blackmail

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Two self-professed witches were detained in Romania on blackmail and extortion charges yesterday in a high-profile case involving a TV star and reportedly other public figures.

Police spokesman Cristian Ciocan said the two women — who go by the single names of Melissa and Vanessa — approached public figures promising to help them overcome work or love difficulties, and help them break curses.

He said the women initially charged very little, but then, as their victims became hooked on their services, increased their prices.

Ciocan cited one case where the victim — who later publicly identified herself as TV personality Oana Zavoranu — handed over €450,000 (\$606,651) in cash and property in exchange for spells.

He said the witches practiced voodoo, and sacrificed animals in graveyards and near rivers, claiming this would protect Zavoranu from her



▶ In this Jan. 5, 2011 photo Romanian witch Mihaela Minca holds cards during an interview in Mogosoia, Romania.

mother and in-laws who had put a curse on her.

The witches, however, claim Zavoranu is being vengeful because she asked them to cast a spell on her mother that would kill her, but the mother is still alive.

The ex-wife of businessman Cristi Borcea, one of two owners of Romanian football team Dinamo Bucharest, was also cited as a victim, but she has neither confirmed or denied the case.

Ciocan said if the victims tried to cease pay-

ment, the two women would threaten to put a spell on them, or disclose details of their personal lives.

Melissa and Vanessa were released yesterday, following a court ruling that they should not be detained awaiting trial. The decision can be appealed.

Many people believe in witchcraft in Romania. President Traian Basescu and his aides have been known to wear purple on certain days, supposedly to ward off evil.

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Cyber-hate fuels free-speech debate

► Human-rights law under review, pitting advocates against defenders of free speech

A section of Canada's human-rights code that protects against hate speech on the Internet is under attack on two fronts just as three accused neo-Nazis in British Columbia face charges of vicious, racist assaults.

An appeal got underway in Federal Court in Toronto this week scrutinizing Section 13 of the Human Rights Act, which says it's discriminatory to spread hate messages online. The case pits human-rights advocates against defenders of free expression.

Meanwhile, federal Tories are seeking to kill the provision via a private member's bill in the House of Commons.

But those who keep an

Hate on the rise

The Internet now disseminates the racists' rallying call, said Richard Warman, one of three parties in the appeal case. He contends Section 13 must stay intact.

► Statistics Canada found Canadian police forces reported a rise of 42 per cent in hate-based incidents in 2009, as compared to 2008, and more than half were based on race.

eye on incidents of hate are worried that if those provisions of the act are killed, Canada could see more incidents like the setting on fire of a Filipino

man in Vancouver.

Police recently announced the arrests of two men in their 20s and a 30-year-old in connection with that assault and three others against minorities in Vancouver. Investigators allege the trio are members of Blood and Honour, a white-supremacist group.

Other proponents of free speech want the law axed. "The best defence against so-called 'hate speech' is not government enforcement of vague prohibitions, but an educated and alert citizenry and vigilant and responsible media," Charles Foran, president of PEN Canada, said in a news release.

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Sexual. Slavery



► Kil Un-ock, right, a former South Korean comfort woman who was forced to serve the Japanese Army as a sexual slave during the Second World War, shouts slogans in Seoul yesterday, demanding an official apology and compensation from the Japanese government.

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Comfort women demand apology

Protesters in Seoul placed a statue of a girl representing victims of Japanese Second World War-era sexual slavery in front of the Japanese Embassy yesterday as South Korean President Lee Myung-bak prepared to visit Tokyo.

Fraternity under investigation

A University of Vermont fraternity has been suspended while officials investigate allegations that it

circulated a survey that asked members who they would like to rape.

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Politician caught in donor scandal

► U.S. anti-gay marriage proponent impregnated at least three lesbian women through sperm donations

The secret online sperm donor account of a conservative, Christian, anti-gay marriage politician has been closed but the fallout continues from exposure of his double life.

Bill Johnson, a 2009 candidate for governor of Alabama, impregnated at least three lesbian women with his donated sperm in New Zealand and helped three more, the New Zealand Herald revealed after a lengthy investigation.

Johnson, confronted with the evidence, admitted to the newspaper his desire to father children was "a need I have."

Johnson has been married since 2004 to two-time Mrs. America finalist, Kathy Johnson. The couple have a website document-

ing their careers and marriage. Kathy Johnson has three children from a previous marriage and had a hysterectomy 10 years ago, he told the newspaper.

"He knows I am shocked and deeply hurt and even angry. I didn't know about these women," Kathy Johnson told the newspaper. I wonder if they knew he has a wife back home who cherishes our marriage."

Johnson's account was cancelled on Friday but his correspondence remained on the site.

He told one lesbian couple, "I am in Christchurch and would be glad to try to help." To a young mother who wanted another child and "possible co-parenting," he asked: "Where are you located?"

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Double life

► The Herald talked to some of the women who received Johnson's donated sperm. One called him a "godsend" because lesbian women often find it difficult to find sperm donors online.

► Johnson told the Herald the story would make it difficult for him to stay in New Zealand, where he works on earthquake repair as long-term recovery manager for Ceres NZ.

► He intended to support the women who delivered children he'd fathered and wanted to be involved in their upbringing, he told the Herald.



► Bill Johnson, right, is pictured during his 2009 campaign for governor of Alabama. He impregnated three lesbian women with his donated sperm, and helped three more.

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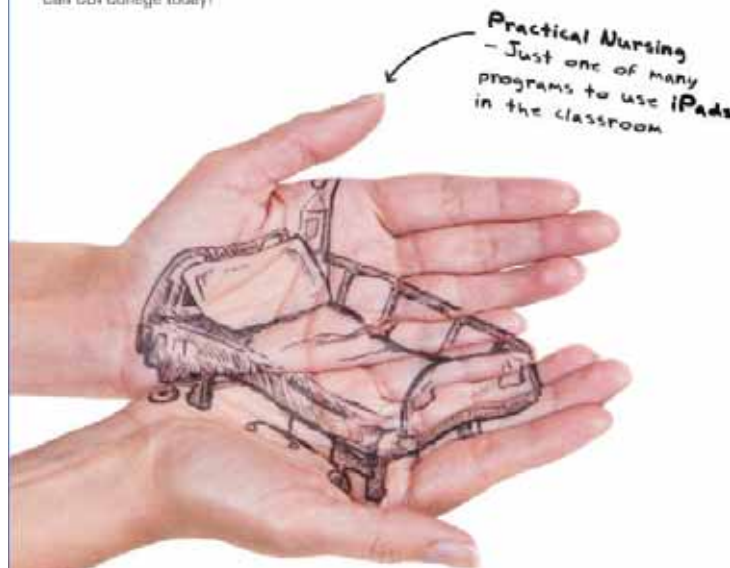
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Shafia son ends day with hug request

► After testifying on behalf of parents accused of murdering sisters, youth asks judge permission to hug parents ► Crown accused man of lying to officials

After a lengthy cross-examination during which he was accused of conspiring with his family to fabricate alibis, a son of a couple accused of killing their three daughters finished his testimony by asking for a hug.

The son of a Montreal couple accused along with their other son of committing honour killings, testified this week for the

defence at the Shafia family murder trial and was subject to more than a full day of cross-examination.

Crown attorney Gerard Laarhuis suggested that the son, who can't be named due to a court order, has lied to and manipulated authority figures before and may not have been telling the truth on the stand, saying his memory seems to be

selectively improving to remember details that help his parents and brother.

Tooba Yahya, 42, her husband Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their eldest son, Hamed, 20, are charged with four counts of first-degree murder. They have each pleaded not guilty. They're accused of killing sisters, Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17, and Geeti, 13,

along with Rona Mohammad, 52, Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage, over family honour.

Moments later, after the judge told him he could step down, the son asked Judge Robert Maranger if he could hug his parents to which Laarhuis referenced ongoing discussions and said, "Now's not the time." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Mohammad Shafia, Hamed Shafia and Tooba Mohammad Yahya arrive at the Frontenac County courthouse in Kingston yesterday.

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OCCUPY WALL STREET

Protesters face NYC courts

Nearly 200 people arrested during Occupy Wall Street-related protests were in New York courtrooms yesterday, answering charges related to a Brooklyn Bridge march that drew global attention to their campaign against economic inequality.

In New York City, ar-

raignments were under way for 166 people on charges of disorderly conduct and blocking traffic. Most were among the more than 700 arrested in the Oct. 1 march that marked the biggest mass arrest of the movement so far.

Police said the protesters ignored warnings not to leave a pedestrian path and go onto the roadway.

Many took a judge's offer to get their cases dismissed if they avoid getting arrested again for six months.

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Obamas not on Facebook

Don't expect to find the president's daughters on Facebook anytime soon.

U.S. President Barack Obama says in an interview with People

Magazine that he does not let his daughters, 13-year-old Malia and 10-year-old Sasha, use the popular social networking website.

Mrs. Obama told the magazine she and the girls like to watch ABC's *Modern Family*. The president enjoys HBO's *Boardwalk Empire* and Showtime's *Homeland*.

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Accused rioters apologize

► A police officer runs past debris and fires after rioters burned police cars when the Vancouver Canucks were defeated by the Boston Bruins in the NHL's Stanley Cup Final in Vancouver on June 15.



► Prosecutors hope to broadcast Stanley Cup rioting trials ► Court appearances scheduled throughout the week, continuing into January

Several accused in the Stanley Cup riot offered apologies to reporters as they made their first court appearances yesterday and one, a former beauty queen, signalled her intention to plead guilty.

As the first eight of the more than two dozen charged each appeared in front of a justice of the peace, the Crown made good on a promise to ask that the cases be televised.

"I love this city very much," said Spencer Kirkwood, 25, of Vancouver, as he went into court. "What happened, I can't change, and I really wish I could."

Bystanders hurled insults as the accused walked by.

Those who appeared in

Charges

So far 27 people have been charged, although the Crown is still considering charges against several dozen people.

► Police predict hundreds of people will eventually be charged.

court yesterday were all charged with participating in a riot — along with a mix of other offences including break-and-enter and mischief — in connection with the June 15 riot that followed the Vancouver Canucks' loss in the Stanley Cup final.

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News in brief

Toyota Venza on top for theft

CAR CRIME. Bad news for Toyota Venza owners — the 2009 edition of the crossover SUV is the new hot target for Canadian car thieves.

The model tops the Insurance Bureau of Canada's top 10 most frequently stolen vehicles. It replaces the 2000 Honda Civic SiR, last year's No. 1 stolen vehicle, which has dropped to third place.

In at second is the 1999 Honda Civic SiR two-door, while the 2006 Ford F350 Pickup Truck 4WD takes fourth place and the 2002 Cadillac Escalade EXT four-door AWD is in fifth.

The ICC says vehicles are often targeted by criminal organizations that strip or resell them to unsuspecting consumers.

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Canadians watch more online

VIDEOS. The average Canadian Internet user spends about an hour watching 10 videos online a day, according to digital measurement firm comScore. ComScore named Canadians as the most avid viewers of online video again, with users aged 15 and older watching an average of 303.7 videos in October.

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WestJet links with Japan Airlines

AIRLINES. WestJet Airlines Ltd. has signed an inter-line deal with Japan Airlines making it easier for passengers to connect between the two airlines. Travellers will link from Japan Airlines flights landing in Vancouver, and then connect to WestJet flights.

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Mobile banking ready to rise

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► Nearly 3 million Canadians are checking balances via their phones

Most Canadians still aren't pulling out their phones to check their bank account balances and pay bills but experts and users alike expect a whole lot more will be doing so in 2012.

"We definitely see there's been humongous growth on the banking front on the phone platform," says Bryan Segal, vice-president of the digital measurement firm comScore.

Canadians are among the world's leaders when it comes to embracing online and mobile banking, according to comScore. Last year, Canada ranked as the top country for online banking usage, with almost 65 per cent of our Internet users going on the web each month to check their accounts.

More recently, comScore estimated there were about

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► A smartphone user tracks mortgage payments with an online banking app from CIBC.

ly basis, which is roughly on par with the U.S. market and ahead of the European Union.

TD Bank and RBC had the biggest chunk of the market, with 26.7 per cent and 25.7 per cent of mobile banking users, followed by CIBC with 17 per cent, Scotiabank with 13.2 per cent and ING Direct with 9.8 per

cent.

According to a Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association survey, the biggest reason users are avoiding mobile banking is security. About 52 per cent said they had security-related concerns, while 24 per cent said they simply found online banking easier.

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Canadians cushioned for the gift-giving season: TD survey

TD Canada Trust says Canadians have built up something of a financial cushion going into the holiday season.

This TD attributes to a penchant for putting extra dollars aside.

The bank says a recent survey suggests 53 per cent were setting aside at least 10 per cent of each paycheque as the season began.

And the bank says even more — almost 60 per cent — are planning to build their nest eggs in the new year.

TD suggests Canadi-

ans plan to pay themselves first before paying off monthly expenses, even if it's only a small amount.

It also suggests people make sure they are living within their means and not overspending on non-essential items.

Top Canadian financial officials have been warning for months that households are building up too much debt.

This is thanks in part to low interest rates.

Statistics Canada reported Tuesday that people keep taking on more debt even as they get poorer.

The agency says average household debt in Canada hit a new record high of almost 153 per cent to disposable income in the third quarter.

This is a sizable jump from 150.7 per cent in the previous quarter.

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Email considered key in hacking scandal



► Chairman of News Corporation Rupert Murdoch and (now former) chief executive of News International Rebekah Brooks leave his residence in central London on July 10.

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A former top lawyer for Rupert Murdoch's British newspapers insisted yesterday that he told the mogul's son there was evidence of widespread phone hacking more than three years before the scandal erupted.

Tom Crone questioned claims made by James Murdoch — chairman of News International, the British arm of his father's media empire — that he had not been informed that hacking was rife.

For many months, News International insisted the illegal accessing of the cellphone voice messages of celebrities and crime victims was confined to reporter Clive Goodman who, along with private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, was jailed in 2007.

But in July the company closed the tabloid, amid public outrage over the disclosure that reporters had hacked the phone of a missing schoolgirl, Milly Dowler, who was later

"What was relayed to Mr. Murdoch was that this document (the email) clearly was direct and hard evidence of that (hacking) being the case."

TOM CRONE, FORMER TOP LAWYER FOR RUPERT MURDOCH'S BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

found murdered.

Crone told Britain's media inquiry he was "pretty sure" that he showed Murdoch a printed email in June 2008 that included transcripts of illegally intercepted voice mail messages.

The document is considered a key piece of evidence in proving that News International had attempted to hide the extent of the scandal. Crone's evidence marks the strongest challenge yet to the testimony of 39-year-old Murdoch to lawmakers.

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Tube workers threaten to strike

- London subway workers set to walk off job Dec. 26 over holiday pay
- Busiest shopping day for Britain

London subway workers say they will stage four strikes — including one the day after Christmas — due to a dispute over holiday pay.

The Aslef union says its members will walk out on Dec. 26 — one of the busiest shopping days in Britain — after failing to agree to wages for working the day after Christmas, known here as Boxing Day.

It says union members also will stage 24-hour

strikes on Jan. 16, Feb. 3 and Feb 13.

The union said yesterday that it seeks “adequate” compensation for working on Boxing Day but has not received offers for extra pay.

The London Underground’s management says the unions’ “outrageous” demand for triple pay and a day off in lieu of working Boxing Day went against an earlier agreement.

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► Commuters walk past a closed entrance of Liverpool Street Station as they head home in London during a tube strike by London Underground workers in 2009.

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Americans wary of what they find on the web: Study

Over the past decade, Americans have witnessed the rise of social networks and mobile technology that’s put the Internet at an arm’s reach, day and night. Yet a new study has found that people are even more distrustful of the information they find online.

Three-quarters of Internet users find the Web an important source of information, but most people

still don’t deem the content they see online reliable, according to a report out this week from the University of Southern California’s Center for the Digital Future.

In 2010, 15 per cent of Internet users said they find only a small portion of online information reliable. That’s greater than the seven per cent who were likewise skeptical of the vast majority of information

they come across on the Internet.

The mistrust is especially true for social networks. That said, people don’t look to social networks for reliability. Rather, they visit the sites to socialize and share photos, updates and videos.

Trust grows when it comes to established media outlets and government websites.

In 2010, 79 per cent of Internet users said they found content posted on government websites reliable, about the same as in 2003, the first year the centre looked at that question.

Jeff Cole, director of the Center for the Digital Future, said Americans tend to be more trusting of government and big media.

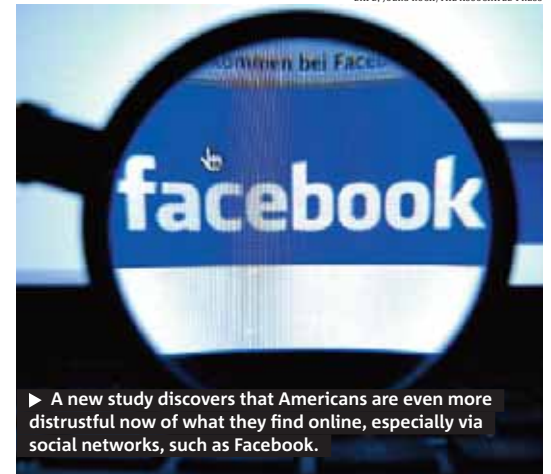
“Other countries are better at distinguishing good information from (the) un-

Online privacy

- Americans are more concerned about businesses than the government, the report found.
- Nearly half of U.S. Internet users said they are worried about companies watching what they do online, compared to 38 per cent who said the same for the government.

reliable,” he said. In repressive regimes where media is closely tied to the government, citizens grow adept at filtering truth from propaganda.

Looking ahead to the next decade, Cole expects tablet computers and other touch-screen devices to largely replace personal computers and with them,



► A new study discovers that Americans are even more distrustful now of what they find online, especially via social networks, such as Facebook.

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The centre has surveyed more than 2,000 U.S. households each year since 1999. The latest report is a look

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India questions Dow Chemical sponsorship

India’s Olympic committee called for the 2012 London Games to end Dow Chemical’s sponsorship because of the company’s ties to the deadly 1984 gas leak in Bhopal, India. The Indian Olympic Association is meeting to decide on the issue.

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Chinese duties on U.S. cars

China has imposed duties on imports of some U.S.-made vehicles, claiming damage from foreign automakers due to dumping and subsidies in the latest round of trade friction between the two countries.

The Commerce Ministry said yesterday that the duties would be imposed for two years on imported cars and sport utility vehicles with engine displacements

of over 2.5 litres. The duties range from 2 per cent to 21.5 per cent.

The ministry’s notice named General Motors Co., Chrysler Group Ltd., Mercedes — Benz U.S. International Inc., BMW’s factory in Spartanburg, S.C. and Honda of America Manufacturing Co. as among the companies affected.

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The Conservatives pulled Canada out of Kyoto this week, and it would be easy to mock them (fun, too), but this is a failure we all share in.

When the Kyoto deal was signed in 1997, we talked about the deal as if something really exceptional had happened that would unite humanity — like the end of nuclear weapons or a Saved by the Bell reunion special.

We were breathlessly told that we'd be able to breathe again, all thanks to 160 signatories sending the amount of greenhouse gases back to the halcyon days of the 1980s.

The U.S., showing its usual world leadership, got the failure started when George W. Bush said the protocol was "economically irresponsible" — a description that looked a little short-sighted when New Orleans did its

imitation of the SpongeBob SquarePants mise-en-scène.

At the time, Canada took its usual official diplomatic position toward the U.S. of being smug. According to WikiLeaks, Paul Martin's official cable to the U.S. was "Tsk, tsk, tsk." Canada's greenhouse-gas record was as bad as America's but we left that part out, as one does.

Some blame goes to the accord's writers, too: We should have known Kyoto was doomed as soon as we heard there were environmental "credits" that could be used to offset actually helping the environment — a sort of frequent-polluter points card. Getting out of pollution standards because you are planting trees, say, seems to me like getting out of a speeding ticket in the morning because you plan to drive under the speed limit in the afternoon.

Finally, of course, there's you. Did you do anything worthy of an environmental award since 1997? Recycling and composting only gets you a Certificate of Attendance.

Global warming is too slow, too subtle for humans. Us rats, we don't understand risk-reward if the electric shock comes decades later.

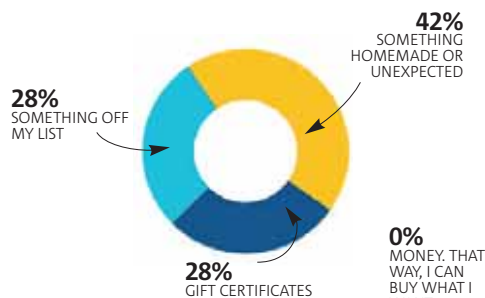
I'm still hopeful. Everyone seems to value the environment, even if they weren't on board for Kyoto. One-hundred-and-sixty countries failed in Japan, but it could be different now. If we really believe, we could get 190, maybe 200 countries on the road to probable failure this time. When it comes to world diplomacy, this is progress. (Deep breaths, everyone. Deep breaths.)

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@damier247: I hear epcor in #yeg has 3 nurses on staff, when an employee phones in sick they come to your house to check on you, that's got to suck

@koolaidmatt: I think #YEG bus drivers get a kick out of honking at incompetent drivers. I could've sworn I just saw a little smirk on

my drivers face lol

@jmus1c: Everytime I go on the lrt there is ALWAYS a effed up person. #yeg

@SeanKopen: Wings at the hilltop pub for lunch. Still representing the #yeg dive bars. Good wings, good service, sketchy bathrooms.

@mayaday: From Sh Pk to WEM in less than 20 min on the Whitemud. #yeg is easy to get around when there are NO accidents. Keep it going, drive safely!

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Daily Zoom



All quiet on the Baghdad front

U.S. leaving Iraq via Kuwait route

KUWAIT. U.S. army soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division walk to a waiting bus as they leave customs for a ride to the airport to fly back to Fort Hood, Texas. They exited Iraq yesterday at Camp Virginia in Kuwait City. President Obama is meeting Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to ceremonially mark the end of the war.

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BARACK OBAMA TOLD CHEERING TROOPS AT FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

150,000 American troops were present in Iraq when Obama took office. Within 15 days, there will be zero left. Some 4,483 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since the conflict started, while nearly 30,000 have been injured. The Iraq war cost the U.S. approximately \$1 trillion.

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Oscar



The Academy Award Orson Welles won for writing the classic film *Citizen Kane* will be sold to the highest bidder. Auctioneer Nate D. Sanders plans to sell the Oscar statuette on Dec. 20.

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Downey meets his match as 'Holmes' sequel resurrects grand-dad of super-villains Moriarty

Look behind the curtain

► The Wizard of Oz running at Festival Place ► So, walk yourself down that yellow brick road

BACKSTAGE PASS

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"We're off to see the wizard, the wonderful wizard of Oz."

The classic lyrics are hard to get out of your head and automatically conger up heart-warming images of Dorothy dancing down the yellow brick road with her new found friends.

But this holiday season, Festival Place's musical adaption of the 1939 MGM film is bittersweet.

This past August, Director Richard Winnick suddenly passed away.

The already selected cast and crew came to a fork in their yellow brick road — do they shut down or forge ahead?

In his honour, they decided the show must go on. But, who would fill his shoes — especially during such a delicate time?

Having respectfully declined an off-stage role before, 20 year stage veteran Norm Usiskin decided to step up to the plate to commemorate his friend.

"The cast had already been selected; rehearsals were around the corner," Usiskin recalls.

In fact, by mid-October the volunteer cast was already rehearsing five

times a week.

"Developing all the characters, costumes, lighting and everything can be overwhelming, but I've been surrounded by a wonderful and supportive team."

In fact, the 51 member cast is comprised entirely of volunteers, including a live dog.

Over the weeks and through the tragedy of their loss, they have become even more cohesive.

With the opening curtain set for tomorrow, Dec. 16, they are sure to impress. The production is infused with special effects, including the unforgettable flying monkeys.

"We want to try and tell the story as close to what people may remember (from the movie). We want to stay true to the original," the Festival Place director said.

For Usiskin that means double checking every detail. Leading up to opening night, Usiskin meticulously does his last minute prep work, which includes everything from making sure the props and set pieces are working to doing last minute alterations on the costumes.

Wizard of Oz runs at Festival Place (100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park) from Dec. 16-30. Some shows are already sold out, so make sure to get tickets early by calling the box office at 780-449-3378 or visiting www.festivalplace.ab.ca.



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Let the road to the Oscars begin

► The Help leads Screen Actors honours with 4 noms

The Deep South drama *The Help* cleaned up with four nominations yesterday for the Screen Actors Guild Awards, among them honours for Viola Davis, Jessica Chastain and Octavia Spencer.

The adaptation of the bestselling novel also was nominated for best ensemble cast, along with the silent film *The Artist*, the wedding comedy *Bridesmaids*, the family drama *The Descendants* and the romantic fantasy *Midnight in Paris*.

The nominations are among the first major honours on the long road to the Feb. 26 Academy Awards. The SAG list of contenders and Golden Globe nominees that will be announced today help sort out favourites from also-rans for Oscar voters,

SAG denials

- Overlooked for best actor was Gary Oldman, whose performance in the espionage saga *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* has been billed by critics as one of the best in his career.
- Also snubbed was Michael Fassbender for his daring role in the sex-addict drama *Shame* and Ryan Gosling for two acclaimed performances in the action tale *Drive* and the political drama *The Ides of March*.

whose nominations come out Jan. 24.

Davis is up for best actress and Spencer for supporting actress as black maids who agree to share stories of their tough lives with an aspiring white

writer at the start of the civil-rights movement in 1960s Mississippi. Chastain also was nominated for supporting actress as Spencer's lonely, needy new boss.

The Artist ran second with three nominations, including a best-actor honour for Jean Dujardin as a silent star falling from grace amid the advent of talking pictures and supporting actress for Berenice Bejo, who plays a rising sound-era movie star.

Along with Davis, best-actress contenders are Glenn Close as a woman disguising herself as a male butler in 19th-century Ireland in *Albert Nobbs*; Meryl Streep as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in *The Iron Lady*; Tilda Swinton as a grief-stricken woman coping with her son's horrible deeds in *We*



► Presenter Judy Greer, right, smiles alongside fellow presenter Regina King as her *The Descendants* castmate George Clooney is nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award yesterday.

Need to Talk About Kevin; and Michelle Williams as Marilyn Monroe in *My Week With Marilyn*.

Joining Dujardin in the best-actor category are

Demian Bichir as a hard-working illegal immigrant father in *A Better Life*; George Clooney as a neglectful dad tending his two daughters in *The Descen-*

dants; Leonardo DiCaprio as FBI boss J. Edgar Hoover in *J. Edgar*; and Brad Pitt as Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane in *Moneyball*.
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Remember that "exclusive" interview Lindsay Lohan was going to do on Ellen — the only media appearance she agreed to do to promote her new Playboy magazine spread? Well, she missed it. Of course she did!

Her rep says the reason she didn't make the show was because she "was delayed in Hawaii due to a travel-related issue. Lindsay offered to tape Ellen tomorrow, but the show was unable to shift things around, and tomorrow is their last day of taping for the season." The show's producers are less than pleased, according to Gossip Cop. "Not a call or an apology from Lindsay," a source close to the show says.

However, the producers scored a coup de grace and got Paris Jackson (Michael Jackson's oldest child) to fill



► Lindsay Lohan

in for Lohan in her first solo television appearance, which will air on Thursday. The 13-year-old talked about her new film role in

the fantasy film *London's Bridge and the Three Keys*. She says her decision to act was due to her father. "My dad was in the movie

Moonwalker and I knew he could sing really well, but I didn't know he could act. I saw that and I said, 'Wow, I want to be just like him.'"

Celebrity tweets



@OfficialMelB



ok so i think i'm d efoo going with the video xmas card,ok family lets get this done in the next week or so,will keep you guys posted!

@lindsaylohan



Is this for real??? My friend has a trained cheetah in his car ... That's nuts!!!!!!



@mrskutcher

changing my twitter name isn't a top priority right now. sorry it bothers so many of u. should i not tweet until i do?does it really matter?



@Joan_Rivers

We Jews decorate differently for Christmas. Our manger scenes are typically set in a Chinese restaurant.

Sheen's ex heads back to rehab

After more recent run-ins with the law, Charlie Sheen's ex-wife Brooke Mueller has decided to once again check herself into rehab, according to TMZ.

"Brooke has decided to remove herself from the media spotlight and has entered a long-term in-pa-

tient treatment centre where she can focus on her recovery without distraction," her rep says.

"Brooke will retain custody of the children, who will remain in their home and familiar surroundings and be under the care of their longtime nanny. Charlie and Brooke's parents fully support her decision, and everyone recognizes the importance of maintaining the children's normal routine."

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► Charlie Sheen

Kutcher's fling regrets dishing

Despite the \$200,000 she reportedly earned for dishing on her affair with Ashton Kutcher, San Diego resident Sarah Leal is regretting the decision to go public.

"I got fired from my job. I am no longer friends with my best friend who was my roommate because it caused so many problems and I had to move out," Leal tells Fox411.

But she advises observers to think twice before rushing to judgment on her actions. "I wasn't thinking clearly. He was a good-looking guy and it was stupid," she says of the fling. ● METRO

Sheen's binges 'heartbreaking' to watch: Lorre

Looking back on the blow-up between Charlie Sheen and *Two and a Half Men*, the show's creator, Chuck Lorre, has changed his views on his former colleague and friend.

"Every time he got himself into trouble, we believed that there was healing that was going to come. I certainly believed that sobriety is something that he wants in his life, and I was wrong," Lorre tells TV Guide magazine.

"You couldn't do that

much cocaine and work. It was falling apart.

"It was heartbreaking to be around here then. I didn't want to be writing a sitcom while my friend died. Or worse, hurt someone else.

"We couldn't be complacent. There was a tragedy unfolding right in front of us. There was violence and blackouts. On a certain level, if you're looking the other way, you're responsible."

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"I recognize in myself a lot of my strengths have come from him and indeed the way I decorate. Whether it's interiors, whether it's a collection of fragrances or whether it's fine jewelry."

INDIA HICKS ON HER FATHER, RENOWNED DECORATOR AND DESIGNER DAVID HICKS



India Hicks hasn't drifted far from the flashbulbs since she was thrust into the global spotlight three decades ago as a teen bridesmaid in Charles and Diana's royal wedding.

The goddaughter of the Prince of Wales earned a degree in photography before moving in front of the lens as a sought-after model, featured by the likes of Ralph Lauren, Banana Republic and Bill Blass.

The London-born Hicks

makes her home in the Bahamas with partner David Flint Wood and their four children, but continues to expand her brand.

She has launched an e-commerce arm of her island lifestyle boutique The Sugar Mill, has teamed with Crabtree and Evelyn on two collections of bath and beauty products and penned a book on inspirational interiors and another on fitness and natural beauty.

Her foray into designing fine jewelry seems a

fitting addition to Hicks' style-centred resumé and reflective of her rich pedigree.

Indeed, family played a figurative role in the decision to put her stamp on a signature jewelry collection — perhaps most notably her father, the late David Hicks.

The renowned interior decorator and designer was known for his strong use of colour and geometric designs in carpets and textiles, and his signature esthetic is where Hicks draws inspiration for her creations.

"We may have had a tricky relationship because he was quite a tricky chap, (but) a brilliant designer and a fascinating person," Hicks said in an interview last week in Holt Renfrew's offices.

"As a father, he was a perfectionist and he had a

very strong point of view on how things were going to be done. So there were definitely times as a child where it was intimidating and life could have possibly been a little more relaxed on occasion.

"But nevertheless, I recognize in myself a lot of my strengths have come from him and, indeed, the way I decorate. Whether it's interiors, whether it's a collection of fragrances or

whether it's fine jewelry, there's a lot of influence from my father."

Her mother is Lady Pamela Hicks, daughter to the Earl and Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Hicks took part in an in-store meet-and-greet with customers at Holt Renfrew's downtown flagship store last week where her jewelry collection will be carried exclusively in Canada.

The 44-year-old said there's much more she'd like to tackle in the style domain, but she wants to ensure she maintains her responsibilities balancing motherhood with work.

She also seeks to be prudent in lending her name and energy to a project she sees as having longevity.

"You want a collection that, firstly, you know is going to stand the test of time, you know is actually a good product, you know will have an audience that will be willing to buy it and invest in it and follow you," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Thank you India

Hicks aces accessories:

- ▶ The Hicks on Hicks collection of sterling silver and diamond pieces features her father's famous hexagonal pattern with a modern, architectural influence seen in cuffs, earrings, necklaces and statement rings.
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► @Jeanne_Beker: Decking the halls (and tree) with @joeyoneil + my cool son-in-law Keith! Eggnog anyone??

- @toniaantonietta: Wow, I gave both my girls the same thing. Now, in their twenties what do I give them?
- @Jeanne_Beker: My girls are in their 20s too. Think I'm going to revive the tradition!!
- @patricktustin: I want to find a flannel one-piece that will fit my 6 foot frame hahaha
- @Jeanne_Beker Oh yeah...with a "trap door" in the back, right? Good luck!!
- @Linny_Bop you are never too old for Christmas pj's! My mom still buys @MaMi_KriS and I a pair every year & we are 30 & 27 :) #traditions
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Question: I live in a really small

space and have no room to add a Christmas tree. How can I add a festive look to my small condo that won't take up the floor space?
Andrea Nichols, Vancouver

Answer: I suggest looking at ways to add fresh or artificial greenery to the walls or a door rather than taking up floor

space.

First thing to do is inquire with your condo to see if fresh greens and trees are allowed (very often they are not), especially when electrical lights are being added.

Not only are they considered a fire hazard, but the cleaning of dried needles and removal of the

tree after the holidays is often a concern.

Artificial greens are a great alternative; they look realistic, are fire-retardant and last from year to year.

Look for outdoor artificial greenery. Larger-scaled wreaths and garlands can also help add a bigger impact.

Get creative

► **If you have a balcony,** decorate an artificial tree with tons of coloured lights and outdoor ornaments to view through the patio door while inside.

► **Replace your living room table lamps with small pre-**

lit and potted trees during the holidays. The soft light will add a warm glow to the room.

► **Fill an umbrella stand** with tall dogwood branches and add mini lights. This can be a tall and contemporary alternative to the standard bulky tree.



► Outdoor Pine Wreath with decorations; \$99, Pottery Barn

Do up your door

Link three wreaths vertically on a door so they can be viewed from a common spot in your condo. Use over-door wreath hangers to hang the wreaths.

Arranging the smallest on top to largest on bottom will give you a traditional tree shape or stacking

same-sized wreaths will add a contemporary flair.

Use battery operated mini lights to illuminate the wreaths to allow the door to swing open and closed.

For real fun, paint the door a shiny bright red colour or cover it in a big-scaled holiday wrapping paper.

Christmas in a corner
Choose an artificial half or corner tree.

This will give you the look of a tree but without the bulk of a full one.

I suggest buying a four-six foot tree and standing it on a skirted decorator table to give it height and allow it to look super tall and majestic.

With only half or a quarter-sized tree to decorate, fill it with tons of ornaments that are all related by colour.

Some great colour combinations would be: brown and orange, lime green and gold or red and turquoise.



► Noel Avenue Corner Tree; \$90, Sears



► Faux long-neededled garlands, ornaments and candles on a mantel add an instant holiday focal point to any room.

Festive reflections

Frame a large floor standing mirror with garlands, ornaments and lights.

To do this effectively, you have to go big with the gar-

lands. Buy about 50 feet of garland; this will allow you to double it up and give a lush presence around the large mirror (or even a doorway or mantel).

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Along with the multitude of things people say you should and should not do, I have no clue what to do any more and just panic to say the least. Can I tell my guests no red wine?

Wine spills in the middle of a reception often create a

small scene. So let's take a deep breath and figure out how to deal with them.

1. Stay calm and don't draw too much attention to the spot, as this will make your guests feel uncomfortable.

2. Use a clean and dry cloth to absorb the wine but don't rub it in. Keep using the cloth or lots of paper towels to pat and absorb the liquid.



► Don't let a red wine stain dampen your festive fun.

3. Flush the stain with fresh cool water. Again use a clean cloth to pat and absorb the stain. This should remove all of the wine.

4. Once all liquid has been absorbed, add lots of salt and let it sit overnight.

5. Vacuum the stain the following day.

Finally, as the host you can choose not to serve red wine. But in most cases you can easily get the stain out.

HAVE A QUESTION? SEND AN EMAIL TO ASKCHARLESTHEBUTLER@METRONEWS.CA

Ring in the new year responsibly

► A cosy party at home allows guests to relax and enjoy each other's company ► But hosts should ensure safety

Leading up to Auld Lang Syne, keep it low key with a cosy gathering in your home inviting close friends and family.

An intimate celebration allows guests (and the host) to relax and enjoy each other's company without all of the added chaos that can be associated with larger New Year's Eve parties. Even so, responsible hosting etiquette is still required.

Follow these tips for responsible hosting courtesy of Molson Coors Canada:

1 Offer all guests an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages.

2 The host/hostess should serve drinks themselves or ask a reliable friend to act as the bartender that evening — as guests tend to drink more when it's an open bar.

3 Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the festivities officially end and offer guests desserts, coffee and other non-alcoholic beverages.

4 Ensure there is a plan in place for any guests who may need help getting home, and be prepared for overnight guests.



► Responsible hosting etiquette is still required if you plan to host an intimate New Year's Eve party at home with friends and family.

5 Be prepared to take car keys away and send guests home in a cab if they haven't enjoyed responsibly. Even better,

when invites go out to guests, provide them with details on Taxiguy, a mobile app that's available online. In partnership with

Molson Coors, the free Taxiguy app calls one of 425 cab companies across Canada (closest to your location) at the touch of a

button. Use it to ensure friends and family are kept safe on New Year's Eve.

Follow these guidelines for ringing in 2012 respon-

sibly and let sticking to your New Year's resolution be the only thing anyone has to worry about Dec. 31.

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► If you are likely to consume alcohol at an event or party, don't take your vehicle.

Keep safe, sober on the road

It doesn't seem to matter how often we talk about the dangers of drinking and driving. Someone, somewhere, isn't listening.

According to statistics provided by the Ontario Provincial Police, impaired driving is the leading criminal cause of death in Canada. And, sadly, arrests for impaired driving hit a year-long peak during the final weeks of the year.

For those who haven't noticed, the penalties for drinking and driving are considerably tougher, thanks to groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

"Everyone recognizes that the holiday season is

"Remember, the 'least impaired' person in the room is not a designated driver."

a great time to reconnect with family and friends and celebrate with a few drinks," said Mauro Convertini, insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "It's important, though, to have a plan in place to get yourself and your loved ones home safely."

Convertini offers some simple tips to ensure a safe and happy holiday season:

► Plan ahead: If you are likely to consume alcohol at an event or party, don't take your vehicle.

► Use a designated driver: Remember, the "least impaired" person in the room is not a designated driver.

► Use public transit: If this is not an option, make arrangements to spend the night if you are visiting a friend.

► Use a taxi or limousine service: There are more than 35,000 operating in Canada.

By following these sobering safety tips, let's hope Canadians responsibly enjoy the best of the holiday season.

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Have yourself an appy Christmas

► Banish dull shrimp cocktail forever in favour of something a bit zestier: Caribbean Shrimp Skewers

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is shrimp cocktail a mainstay of your holiday party table? And are you a little bored with the same old dish? This year, try something different.

Start with the same easy, pre-cooked shrimp, but this time toss them with a zesty Jamaican-style seasoning blend and skewer them with cubes of tangy mango and cool, crunchy cucumber.

Add a touch of zippy pepper and nobody will suffer from yet-another-shrimp-cocktail syndrome.

Caribbean Shrimp Skewers

Ingredients:

- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground all-spice
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cinnamon
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) nutmeg
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dry ginger
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried thyme
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cayenne pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground black pepper
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 285 g (10 oz) peeled and deveined cooked medium shrimp
- 6 Peppadew peppers, quartered
- 2 mangoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 English cucumber, cut in 1/2 moon slices



► This recipe makes 24 skewers.

Preparation:

- 1 In a medium bowl, stir together garlic powder,

allspice, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, thyme, cayenne, black pepper and salt. Pat shrimp dry (this will help the spices stick), then toss in spice mixture.

- 2 On 10-cm (4-inch) skewers or picks, place a piece of pepper, then a piece of mango, a piece of cucumber and finally 3 spiced shrimp

Weekly Cookbook

750 Best Appetizers
From dips & salsas to spreads & shooters



Judith Finlayson & Jordan Wagman

One of the best parts of the festive season is appetizers to serve as friends gather. In that spirit, Toronto food writer Judith Finlayson and chef Jordan Wagman co-authored 750 Best Appetizers: From Dips and Salsas to Spreads and Shooters.

The book has 16 chapters built around specific types of dishes, such as dips, or specific ingredients like cheese.

Among the starters are: tahini dip, shrimp bisque, duck confit quesadilla, and many others.

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Heavyweight contenders

► Elite defence, multi-tasking forwards named to Canadian junior men's hockey team

The Canadian team charged with reclaiming gold at the world junior hockey championship will be able to count on a big, deep defence, multi-purpose forwards and an experienced goaltender.

"We have real good balance," coach Don Hay said yesterday of his 22-man squad. "When we tried to put the team together, we really looked at what we'd need if somebody went down with an injury. Could that player move up? Play on the power play and kill penalties and things like that?"

"We have a couple top-end lines and a couple of hard-working third and fourth lines and we have players that can fill different roles and move into different positions."

The defence is big and skilled.

Led by Saginaw Spirit's Jamie Oleksiak (almost six foot seven and 244 pounds), the seven defence-men chosen average almost six foot three and 200 pounds. Five of them were taken in the first round of the NHL draft.

Up front, Canada profited when Devante Smith-Pelly of the Anaheim Ducks and Brett Connolly of the Tampa Bay Lightning were made available to the Canadian team.

Smith-Pelly, five foot 11 and 212 pounds, is projected to play the wing on Canada's top line and create space for his linemates.



► Team Canada forwards Devante Smith-Pelly, left, and Brett Connolly chat after their annual team photograph.

"I think we'll be physical in a lot of different ways," said Hay, who coaches the WHL Vancouver Giants. "We have a lot of speed that will let us get to pucks quickly and then when we get the pucks we'll be physical on the puck. You have Smith-Pelly who will create a lot of physical play and I think guys will really follow him."

The 2012 world junior hockey championship opens Dec. 26 in Calgary and Edmonton. Canada

"I learned a lot from last year. ... It's something I used to motivate myself in the summer to get better, but right now it's a clean slate"

GOALIE MARK VISENTIN

will play its Pool B games in Edmonton. Pool A and medal-round games are in Calgary.

Mark Visentin, one of four Niagara IceDogs named to the Canadian team, will start in goal.

"Coming in, he's the No. 1 guy," Hay said. "I think

you're always proving yourself and he knows that."

Scott Wedgewood of the Plymouth Whalers is the other goalie.

Visentin, Connolly, Quinton Howden of the Moose Jaw Warriors and Jaden Schwartz of Colorado College all played in the

2011 tournament.

Canada had the gold medal in its grasp in Buffalo with a 3-0 lead heading into the third period. Russia scored five unanswered goals on Visentin in the third to take it away from them.

Freddie and Dougie Hamilton will be the first brothers to play for the Canadian team since Randy and Mike Moller 30 years ago. Freddie is 19 and Dougie is 18.

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Oilers preview

Edmonton at Phoenix
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Edmonton (14-13-3) heads south after a long rest to face the Coyotes (15-12-3), who are playing their second game in two nights. Phoenix's 4-1 loss in Anaheim last night was their third straight defeat. Mike Smith has lost four of his last five starts. Rostislav Klesla (lower-body) has been out for five games. Oilers forward Taylor Hall is slated to return to the Edmonton lineup after missing seven games with a shoulder injury.

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Esks introduce Jyles, make him the starter

New Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Steven Jyles came to town yesterday and got an instant promotion.

Head coach Kavis Reed said Jyles will come to training camp as his No. 1 signal caller, just two days after stating the 29-year-old would have to fight for the job.

Jyles said he's ready to take the reins after becoming an Eskimo in a blockbuster trade Monday that saw fan-favourite

quarterback Ricky Ray head to the Toronto Argonauts.

"We lost a great guy here. Ricky Ray is a great quarterback," said Jyles in a joint news conference with Reed at Commonwealth Stadium.

"But it's new times now. I'm here in town and I'm looking forward to competing and earning a spot on this team."

Jyles was traded to Edmonton, along with Canadian kicker Grant Shaw

Ray in Toronto



Ricky Ray is slowly adjusting to being a Toronto Argonaut.

and Toronto's No. 1 pick — second overall — in the upcoming Canadian Col-

► The veteran quarterback says he was shocked when told by the Edmonton Eskimos he had been dealt to Toronto.

► But Ray said during a news conference at the CN Tower yesterday that he's come to terms with the trade and is anxious to begin his tenure with his new team.

lege Draft.

"Steven will come in as the top guy on the depth

chart," said Reed. "After reviewing the situation the last couple of days I think it's only appropriate he come in as the No. 1 guy on the depth chart."

Reed didn't say what led him to anoint Jyles as his No. 1, but he and general manager Eric Tillman came under fire from some media and fans on Monday for trading away a top-flight CFL signal caller for someone they weren't even sure would start. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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d-Boston	30	20	9	0	1	102	61	41	11-6-0-1	9-3-0-0	7-2-0-1	W3
d-Florida	31	16	9	2	4	84	80	38	6-2-1-4	10-7-1-0	4-3-2-1	L3
NY Rangers	27	17	6	1	3	83	60	38	8-2-0-2	9-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	31	17	10	2	2	95	79	38	8-3-2-0	9-7-0-2	5-4-1-0	L2
Toronto	30	16	11	2	1	93	95	35	7-4-2-1	9-7-0-0	5-4-1-0	W1
New Jersey	30	16	13	0	1	79	86	33	6-5-0-1	10-8-0-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	30	15	12	2	1	81	82	33	7-9-2-1	8-3-0-0	3-4-2-1	L2
Montreal	31	13	11	2	5	79	80	33	5-5-2-4	8-6-0-1	4-2-1-3	W2
Winnipeg	30	14	12	3	1	84	93	32	10-4-0-0	4-8-3-1	6-3-1-0	W1
Ottawa	32	14	14	2	2	96	112	32	7-7-0-1	7-7-2-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Washington	29	15	13	0	1	89	94	31	10-5-0-1	5-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	30	12	16	0	2	79	101	26	5-7-0-0	5-11-0-2	3-7-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	28	9	13	4	2	65	93	24	6-7-3-0	3-6-1-2	4-3-2-1	L3
Carolina	32	9	18	3	2	80	110	23	5-9-0-2	4-9-3-0	1-7-1-1	L2

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	32	20	8	2	2	83	70	44	10-4-1-1	10-4-1-1	7-2-0-1	L2
d-Chicago	31	19	8	3	3	103	95	42	9-2-0-3	10-6-1-0	7-2-0-1	W3
d-Dallas	29	17	11	0	1	74	78	35	9-4-0-1	8-7-0-0	6-3-0-1	W3
Detroit	29	19	9	1	0	93	63	39	12-2-1-0	7-7-0-0	8-2-0-0	W3
Vancouver	30	18	10	0	2	98	73	38	8-4-0-1	10-6-0-1	8-1-0-1	L1
St. Louis	29	17	9	0	3	71	62	37	11-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	7-2-0-1	W3
Nashville	30	15	11	3	1	79	80	34	6-5-2-1	9-6-1-0	5-5-0-0	W3
San Jose	28	15	10	2	1	78	68	33	8-6-1-0	7-4-1-1	3-5-1-1	L3
Phoenix	30	15	12	1	2	78	80	33	6-6-1-1	9-6-0-1	5-5-0-0	L3
Edmonton	30	14	13	0	3	83	80	31	9-5-0-2	5-8-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Calgary	30	14	14	1	1	74	82	30	8-5-1-1	6-9-0-0	6-3-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	30	13	13	2	2	65	70	30	8-9-0-1	5-4-2-1	3-6-1-0	L5
Colorado	31	14	16	1	0	82	79	29	8-9-0-0	6-7-1-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Anaheim	30	9	16	2	3	71	96	23	7-9-1-0	2-7-1-3	2-7-1-0	W1
Columbus	30	9	17	1	3	73	100	22	6-8-1-1	3-9-0-2	4-4-1-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Boston 5 Ottawa 2
Chicago 4 Minnesota 3 (SO)
Anaheim 4 Phoenix 1
Tuesday's results
Toronto 2 Carolina 1 (OT)
Ottawa 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)
Winnipeg 2 Minnesota 1
Columbus 2 Vancouver 1 (SO)
Nashville 2 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 San Jose 3 (SO)
Dallas 1 N.Y. Rangers 0
Montreal 5 N.Y. Islanders 3
Boston 3 Los Angeles 0
Detroit 4 Pittsburgh 1
New Jersey 3 Florida 2 (SO)
Philadelphia 5 Washington 1

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 4, WILD 3 (SO)

First Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Second Period

1. Chicago, Hossa 13 (J.Toews, Sharp) 9:19 (pp)
2. Chicago, Frolik 5 (Kruger, Mayers), 10:48
3. Minnesota, Brodziak 11 (Johnson) 13:10
4. Minnesota, Cullen 9 (Clutterbuck, W.Peters) 15:41

Penalties — Carcillo Chi, Staubitzi, Minn (fighting) 3:29, Koivu Minn (tripping) 7:06, Cullen Minn (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:20, Montador Chi (high-sticking) 17:37.

Third Period

5, Chicago, J.Toews 18 (Stalberg) 6:54
6, Minnesota, Koivu 8 (Clutterbuck, Stoner), 14:56.

Penalty — Carcillo, Chi (elbowing), 8:01.

Overtime — No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Shootout

Chicago wins 2-0
Chicago (2) — J.Toews, goal; Kane, goal; Minnesota (0) — Cullen, miss; Heatley, miss.

Shots on goal

Chicago 11 10 7 3 —31
Minnesota 2 10 16 2 —30

Goal — Chicago: Emery (W,7-1-2); Minnesota: Backstrom (SOL,11-6-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Chicago: 1-2 Minnesota: 0-2.

Referees — Chris Rooney, Francois St. Laurent.

Linesmen — Ryan Galloway, Dan Schachte.

Att. — 19,254 (18,064) at St. Paul, Minn.

BRUIIS 5, SENATORS 2

First Period

1. Boston, Peverley 6 (FERENCE, Corvo) 12:10

Penalties — Lucic Bos, Carkner Ott (fighting) 11:46.

Second Period

2. Ottawa, Alfredsson 8 (Spezza) 4:23

3. Boston, Kelly 12 (Boychuk, Peverley) 13:47

Penalties — Seidenberg Bos (cross-checking) 5:31, McQuaid Bos (kneeling major, game misconduct) 17:45, Konopka Ott (goaltender interference) 19:40.

Third Period

4. Boston, Bergeron 6, 4:54

5. Boston, Paille 4 (Thornton, FERENCE) 5:50

6. Ottawa, Spezza 10 (Phillips, Alfredsson) 15:55

7. Boston, Paille 5, 18:56

Penalties — Horton Bos (high-sticking) 12:43, Marchand Bos (delay of game) 16:23.

Shots on goal

Boston 6 13 10 —29
Ottawa 13 14 22 —49

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,14-5-0); Ottawa: Anderson (L,12-11-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** Boston: 0-1; Ottawa: 0-4.

Attendance — 18,088 (19,153) at Ottawa.

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Kessel, Tor	18	18	36
Lupul, Tor	13	21	34
D.Sedin, Vcr	12	22	34
Stamkos, TB	18	15	33
Versteeg, Fla	15	18	33
H.Sedin, Vcr	8	25	33
Toews, Chi	17	15	32
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	13	19	32
Pominville, Buf	10	22	32
Sharp, Chi	16	15	31
Ma.Hossa, Chi	12	19	31
Backstrom, Wash	11	20	31
Eberle, Edm	11	20	31
Weiss, Fla	11	20	31
P.Kane, Chi	8	23	31
Fleischmann, Fla	12	18	30
Datsyuk, Det	9	21	30
Spezza, Ott	9	21	30
Neal, Pgh	17	12	29
Franzen, Det	14	15	29
Vanek, Buf	14	15	29
Malkin, Pgh	11	18	29
Selanne, Ana	9	20	29
Kopitar, LA	10	18	28
Hartnell, Pha	15	12	27
M.Koivu, Minn	7	20	27
Seguin, Bos	13	13	26
Smyth, Edm	12	14	26
Karlsson, Ott	2	24	26
Michalek, Ott	19	6	25
Gaborik, NYR	15	10	25
Vrbata, Phx	14	11	25
B.Richards, NYR	11	14	25
Elias, NJ	10	15	25
Filippou, Det	10	15	25
Jagr, Pha	10	15	25
Ra.Whitney, Phx	10	15	25
Plekancic, Mtl	6	19	25
E.Kane, Wpg	15	9	24
Perry, Ana	12	12	24
Skinner, Car	12	12	24
Tavares, NYI	7	17	24
Briere, Pha	5	19	24
J.Thornton, SJ	4	20	24
Parenteau, NYI	2	22	24
B.Campbell, Fla	15	8	23
Moulson, NYI	10	13	23
Lucic, Bos	10	13	23
Parise, NJ	10	13	23

Last night's games not included

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	396	274
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	327	270
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	288	341
Miami	4	9	0	.308	256	246
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	3	0	.769	330	208
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	266	251
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	193	252
Indianapolis	0	13	0	.000	184	382
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	10	3	0	.769	320	202
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	198
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	285	270
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178	254

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	5	0	.615	269	302
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	290	354
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	324	299
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	173	305

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	324	349
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	317	281
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	297	292
Washington	4	9	0	.308	229	290
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	415	286
Atlanta	8	5	0	.615	300	267
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	313	355
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	232	370
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	0	0	1.000	466	278
Detroit	8	5	0	.615	367	305
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	301	255
Minnesota	2	11	0	.154	274	364
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	307	182
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	246	259
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	253	288
St. Louis	2	11	0	.154	153	326

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

WEEK 15

Tonight's game

All times Eastern

Jacksonville at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

Dallas at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's games

New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

GOLF

DUBAI LADIES MASTERS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Par 72

First Round	30-36—66
Lotta Wahlen	33-34—67
Becky Brewerton	34-34—68
Minea Blomqvist	33-35—68
Julietta Granada	35-33—68
Stacy Lee Bregman	34-34—68
Linda Wessberg	33-36—69
Jadyn Sweeney	35-34—69
Lee-Anne Pace	32-37—69
Elizabeth Bennett	33-36—69
Christel Boelgen	32-37—69
Tandi Cuningham	33-36—69
Julie Maisongrosse	32-37—69
Diana Luna	34-35—69
Maria Verchenova	33-36—69
Beth Allen	37-33—70
Liebelie Lawrence	35-35—70
Margherita Rigon	37-33—70
Becky Morgan	35-35—70
Sophie Giquel-Bettan	35-35—70
Stacey Keating	35-35—70
Alexis Thompson	33-37—70
Alison Walshe	35-35—70
Karen Lunn	32-38—70
Charlie Douglass	34-36—70
Elizabeth Esterl	34-36—70
Cassandra Kirkland	36-34—70
Caroline Afonso	34-36—70
Lynnette Westrup	36-35—71
Caroline Brookly	34-37—71
Carlota Ciganda	36-35—71
Kaisa Ruuttila	37-34—71
Louise Larsson	34-37—71
Sara Brown	34-37—71
Sophie Gustafson	37-36—73
Rachel Jennings	37-38—75
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Michelle Wie	
Laura Davies	
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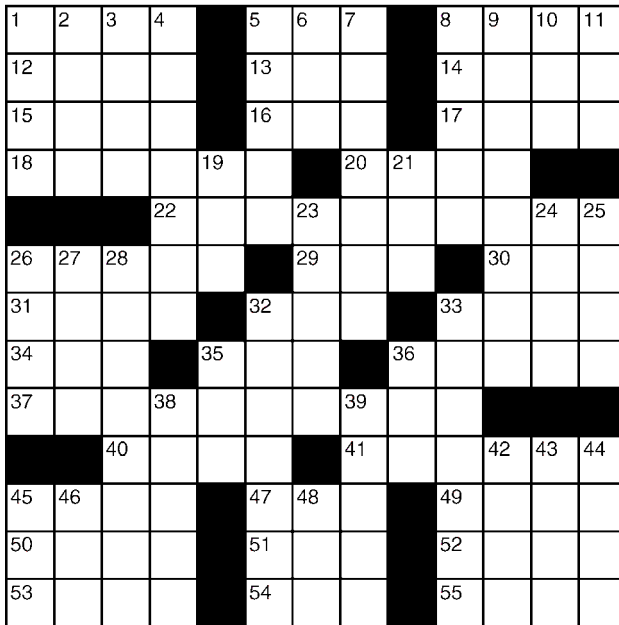
Crossword

Across

- 1 Call a halt to
5 Moreover
8 Spare tire
12 Lima's land
13 Island souvenir
14 Anger
15 Right on the map?
16 Energy
17 It takes the cake
18 Squat down
20 Lounge around
22 Steinway accessory
26 Winter warmer
29 Ostrich's cousin
30 Payable
31 Crazy one
32 Gabor or Mendes
33 Frau's mate
34 Submachine gun
35 Chopping tool
36 Heart line?
37 Weightlifting maneuver
40 Brat's stocking stuffer
41 Meager
45 Met melody
47 Chances, for short
49 Middy
50 Covers
51 A Gershwin
52 Fragrant oil source
53 Versifier
54 Plaything
55 — and crafts

Down

- 1 Detail, for short
2 Rip
3 Approximately
4 Taken advantage of



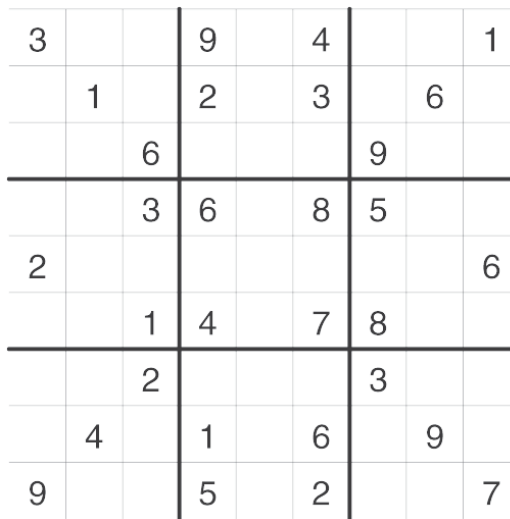
- 5 Greek leader?
6 Born
7 Sheepskin
8 Reached 32 degrees, maybe
9 Light purple shade
10 Time of your life?
11 Quarterback
Roethlisberger
19 Spy novel org.
21 — Dhabi
23 When pigs fly
24 Rudely brief
25 Zeus' consort
26 Organization
27 Leak slowly

- 28 Agree
32 Use
33 Cry of acclamation
35 "Eureka!"
36 Cleo's slayer
38 Move on momentum
39 English homework, maybe
42 Lion's call
43 Type
44 Tackles' team-mates
45 Height for Heidi
46 Carnival city
48 Expert

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	5	8	7	4	9	1	2	3
1	3	9	2	8	5	6	4	7
2	7	4	3	1	6	8	5	9
4	9	6	1	3	7	5	8	2
8	2	7	6	5	4	9	3	1
3	1	5	8	9	2	4	7	6
5	6	3	9	2	8	7	1	4
9	4	2	5	7	1	3	6	8
7	8	1	4	6	3	2	9	5

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min -12° Max -6°	Min -12° Max -1°	Min -2° Max 1°

Michele McDougall
Weather Specialist

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 So many things are going right for you now that it's like you have a guardian angel watching over you.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 An investment you made a long time ago may pay off today.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Make the effort to remind the people who mean the most to you how much you care for them.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Take care with your thoughts today, because what you focus on will very soon become your reality. Think only happy thoughts.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Cosmic activity in your fellow Fire sign of Sagittarius makes it easy for you to persuade friends and rivals to give you what you need.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 If you're not careful, you could find yourself swept away on a tide of other people's negative feelings.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You will say something outrageous today — and you will be applauded for it.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If someone says you need to prove your friendship by spending money, you're being taken on ride.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Whatever target it is you are aiming at, you will hit it with ease.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You know instinctively that what someone is telling you is a lie. Just turn your back and walk away.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 This is a great day for reaching out to people you have not seen in a while. Renew those old friendships.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll get the opportunity to make a powerful friend today. Don't try to be modest about your talents.
● SALLY BROMPTON

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